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PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and Logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center 1P1a (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division.

In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MILITARY AREAS
(37-55N 058-23E)
ASHKHABAD, TURKMENSKAYA SSR, USSR
TURKESTAN MD

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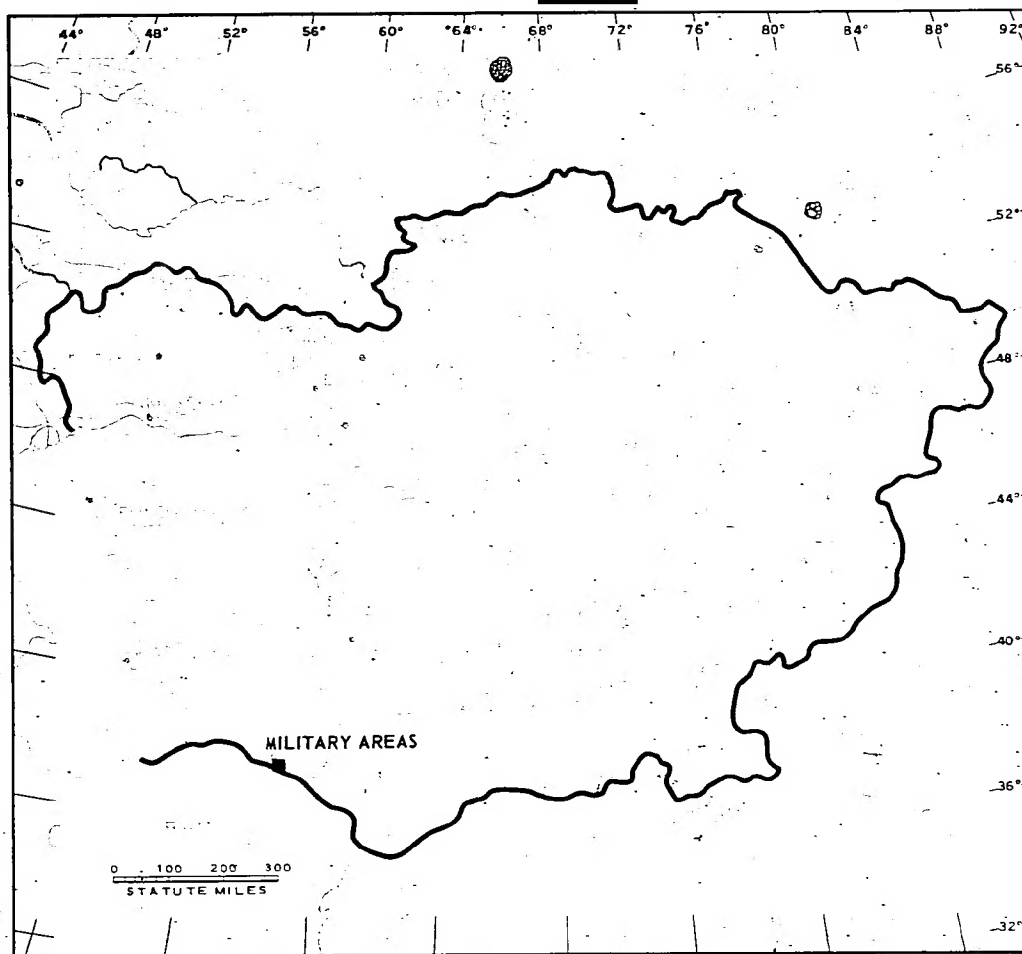


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY AREAS.

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SUMMARY

Four separate military installations are located south of Ashkhabad (Figure 1): Ashkhabad Army Barracks Southeast at 37-55-31N 058-22-57E [REDACTED] a probably associated barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area located 1.5 kilometers (km) south-east at 37-54-50N 058-23-20E (probably Ashkhabad Army Barracks No 2, BE [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] a secured explosives storage area located 2 km south-southeast of the barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area at 37-53-45N 058-23-45E; and Ashkhabad Army Barracks South located 2 km southwest of the secured explosives storage area at 37-53-20N 058-22-25E.

Additional facilities in Ashkhabad include 2 large wheeled-vehicle driver-training courses, 2 flat-trajectory firing ranges, and 5 small-arms firing ranges. A large probable personnel obstacle course is located approximately 5 km west-southwest of the Army Barracks Southeast at 38-55-10N 058-20-10E, and a probable infantry training area is immediately west of the probable obstacle course.

Ashkhabad Army Barracks Southeast encompasses approximately 60 acres and contains 129 major buildings including 22 probable barracks, 8 probable administration, 70 storage support, 19 vehicle storage sheds, 2 probable messhalls, 8 probable dependents housing units, and a swimming pool (Figures 2 and 3).

The barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area encompasses approximately 40 acres and contains 91 major buildings, including 24 probable barracks, 8 probable administration, 43 storage/support, 5 small support, and 11 vehicle storage (Figures 4 and 5). Approximately 12 probable helicopters were parked on the adjacent Ashkhabad Southeast Airfield on-photography of [REDACTED]

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The explosives storage area, covering approximately 30 acres, is double-fenced and contains 11 revetted storage bunkers, 3 non-revetted storage bunkers, 3 possible storage bunkers under construction, 2 possible underground storage entrances, and 9 support buildings (Figures 6 and 7).

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Ashkhabad Army Barracks South, covering approximately 10 acres, is secured and contains 14 probable barracks, 3 probable administration buildings, and 8 storage support buildings (Figures 8 and 9).

These areas were covered on interpretable photography from KEYHOLE missions between [REDACTED] Activity appears to have increased at each of the training areas since [REDACTED] Between [REDACTED] several new buildings were added to the barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area and the explosives storage area. No other significant change in facilities is discernible.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The nearest rail facility is located approximately 2 km northeast of Ashkhabad Army Barracks Southeast.

Road Service

All 4 installations are served by city streets.

Aircraft Landing Strips

Ashkhabad Southeast Airfield is immediately south of the barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area and appears to be utilized only by helicopters. Ashkhabad Northeast Airfield is approximately 5 km north of Ashkhabad Army Barracks Southeast.

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Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Ashkhabad Army Barracks Southeast: Area D1 contains 18 probable barracks, 5 probable administration buildings, 2 probable messhalls, 31 storage support buildings, and a swimming pool. This area, located on the northern edge of the installation, is partially fenced and may support a division-sized unit.

Area D2 contains an administration building and 3 storage support buildings which are secured by a wall, and 8 probable dependents housing units.

Area D3 contains 4 probable barracks, 2 probable administration buildings, 12 storage support buildings, and a water tower. An unidentified excavation is in the southeast corner of this area.

Barracks and Vehicle Storage Maintenance Area: Area D4 contains 20 probable barracks, 4 probable administration buildings, and 6 storage support buildings.

Area D5 contains a probable administration building, a 240- by 35-foot vehicle storage building, and 5 small support buildings.

Area D6 contains 4 possible barracks, 3 probable administration buildings, and 13 storage support buildings. This area may not be related to the military installation. A large excavation within this area indicates possible mining activity.

Ashkhabad Army Barracks South: Area D7 contains 14 probable barracks, 3 probable administration buildings, 5 storage support buildings, and a probable swimming pool. A wheeled-vehicle driver-training course is located immediately northeast.

Ammunition Storage Area

Explosives Storage Area: Area F is double-fenced and contains nine 100- by 25-foot revetted storage bunkers, one 100- by 25-foot non-revetted storage bunker, 2 revetted storage

bunkers (one 60 by 25 feet and one 80 by 25 feet), two 80- by 25-foot non-revetted storage bunkers, 9 support buildings, 3 possible bunkers under construction, and 2 possible underground entrances. The three 80- by 25-foot bunkers have side entrances and the other bunkers in this area all have entrances at the ends. Three bunkers have been added since [REDACTED]

Equipment Storage Maintenance Areas

Ashkhabad Army Barracks Southeast: Area J1 contains 14 vehicle storage sheds, 11 U-shaped with each wing 360 by 35 feet, one 210 by 50 feet, one 300 by 35 feet, three 170 by 35 feet, 1 under construction 290 by 35 feet, one 240 by 35 feet, three 200 by 35 feet, one 110 by 35 feet, and two 180 by 35 feet, and 24 storage support buildings. Approximately 125 unidentified vehicles were in this area on [REDACTED] photographic coverage.

Area J2 contains 5 vehicle storage sheds, two 330 by 35 feet, one 250 by 35 feet, one 170 by 35 feet, and one 70 by 35 feet. Approximately 10 unidentified vehicles were present on [REDACTED] photographic coverage.

Barracks and Vehicle Storage Maintenance Area: Area J3 contains 4 vehicle storage sheds, one 150 by 45 feet, and three 290 by 35 feet, and 15 storage support buildings (3 under construction). Approximately 25 unidentified vehicles and 23 possible artillery pieces were present on [REDACTED]

Area J4 contains 6 vehicle storage sheds, four 130 by 35 feet and two 100 by 35 feet, and 9 storage support buildings. An aircraft engine test revetment is located in this area. This area may be directly associated with helicopter support at the adjacent airfield.

Ashkhabad Army Barracks South: Area J5 contains one 280- by 35-foot vehicle storage shed. Approximately 18 probable vehicles

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were present in this area on [REDACTED]
photography.

Small-Arms Firing Ranges

Five small-arms firing ranges are located on the east and west sides of the large flat-trajectory firing range. Three are [REDACTED] foot ranges, 1 is [REDACTED] and the fifth is [REDACTED]. The firing positions for the first 4 ranges are covered by sheds.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training area which is located immediately south of the ammunition storage area and has a typical wheeled-vehicle driver-training layout (rectangular in shape with figure-8 and other training patterns).

Area M2 (not shown on Figure 5) is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training area which is located 1 km south of the barracks and vehicle storage/maintenance area. The area is approximately one-third the size of Area M1. Both areas appear active.

Flat Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P1 (not shown on Figure 5) is a

5,500-foot flat-trajectory firing range with 12 moving targets. The range is located southeast of the Ashkhabad Southeast Airfield and appears active. Approximately 18 range control and support buildings are located at this range.

Area P2 (not shown on Figure 7) is a 4,000-foot probable flat-trajectory firing range with 2 targets. The range is located 1 km southeast of the ammunition storage area. Three probable range control and support buildings are located at the probable range.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Training Area

A training area is located approximately 5 km west of the barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area and adjacent to, and immediately west of the probable personnel obstacle course. Trenching and automatic weapons positions are located throughout the area.

Special Training Facilities

A probable personnel obstacle course is located approximately 5 km west of the barracks and vehicle storage maintenance area at 37-55-10N 058-20-10E. This installation is comprised of approximately 20 acres.

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